GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3308
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UTILISATION OF RIVER WATER
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh Governments have entered into an agreement on utilisation of rivers water ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested to the Union Government to give clearance to Pollavaram project to facilitate utilisation of water agreed upon between two States; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not according clearance to the project so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) As per summary record of discussions of the meeting held between the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh at Bangalore on 4th August, 1978, it was inter-alia decided that 80 TMC at 75 percent dependability of Godavari Waters from Polavaram Project can be diverted into Krishna river above Vijayawada Anicut displacing the discharges from Nagarjunsagar Project for Krishna Delta, thus enabling the use of the said 80 TMC for projects upstream of Nagarjunasagar. It was further agreed that 80 TMC shall be shared in the proportion of Andhra Pradesh 45 TMC, Karnataka and Maharashtra together 35 TMC. Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka have subsequently agreed to share the 35 TMC between themselves as 21 TMC for Karnataka and 14 TMC for Maharashtra.

(c) & (d) The clearance of the Polavaram Project is linked to the resolution by the Government of Andhra Pradesh of the inter-State issues relating to submergence due to Polavaram Project with the Governments of Orissa and Chhattisgarh, preparation of resettlement and rehabilitation plans for the families to be displaced by the Project and preparation of updated detailed project report complying with outstanding observations of the appraising agencies.